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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the December 28, 2005 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due January 28, 2005.

Therefore this Communication is being timely filed.

The Office Action stated that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of four (4) allegedly unrelated inventions as set forth in the Office Action. The Office Action noted that the inventions are linked by various other claims.

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Applicants hereby elect Group 1 (Claims 8-9, drawn to a method of purging neoplastic cells in ex vivo sample by using v[e]sicular stomatitis virus (VSV), classified in class 435, subclass 374). Claims 1-9 and 17-24 read on the elected invention.

The nonelected subject matter is being maintained of record, pending rejoinder and/or the filing of one or more divisional applications.

It is believed that no fee is required in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1677.

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